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THANKS TO YOU

Thanks to you who have given your blood, there are many American boys, who will come back to live in our country for which they have fought so bravely. The more blood is given the greater the number of boys who will come back. Have you been to the Blood Donor Center recently? If you've been putting it off because you're afraid or think you're too busy, STOP and THINK of the boys who are not afraid or too busy to fight for us. Giving blood takes less than two hours for which you are allowed official time. There is nothing to be afraid of because giving blood is painless and harmless. If you're not physically able to give, they won't take it. If

you can give, you lie on a cot, your blood pressure is taken and the blood is taken before you know it. If you have given blood, but not recently, won't you go again?

Agriculture's weekly average for three eight-week periods was as follows: April 29--66 donors, June 24--81 donors, August 19--59 donors. Your blood is urgently needed and we want our number of donations to go up instead of down during the next twenty-four weeks. Pick up your phone NOW, dial 3281 and ask Miss McFadden for an appointment. She will make all arrangements. Please keep that appointment. Some American boy, maybe a friend, relative or your husband will say:

THANKS TO YOU.

AGRICULTURE POST NO. 36, AMERICAN
LEGION

The Post has a good start toward its goal of 650 members in 1945, as 96 have already paid their dues and thereby have become eligible to participate in the drawing for 9 prizes offered by the Department of the District of Columbia, American Legion. There will be one \$50.00 war bond, one Legion uniform, and seven \$25.00 war bonds distributed among those who pay their 1945 dues on or before Saturday, September 16. Commander W. A. Pagnotta, room 1229 South Bldg., will be glad to take care of the details for you. New members are also eligible.

The Post is continuing its work at the Jefferson Junior H.S. where, on Saturday nights, beds are provided in the large gymnasium for the boys in the Armed Services who, otherwise, would find it difficult to get a place to sleep in crowded Washington. Post members are on duty there from 6 p.m. Saturdays until noon Sundays. Volunteers who can stay on duty for 6 hours, within the time indicated, will be most welcome. See Commander Pagnotta for further details.

AGRICULTURE PLAYERS

The Agriculture Players have begun rehearsals for "Johnny Draws a Horse", a three-act comedy which will be presented in the Auditorium late in October. The Players meet each Tuesday at 5:30 in the Auditorium.

AGRICULTURE BRIDGE CLUB

The Bridge League will open its 1944-45 season on September 13, at the home of Mrs. D. C. Stephan, 1355 Euclid St., N. W. Games will be held at the same place on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month and the fifth Wednesday in November, January, and May. May 30, 1945 will be the end of the season.

Employees, former employees, and members of their families are eligible. There are also elected and associate members. You may join the club at any time, but in order to be eligible for the McDonnell cup you must play a certain number of games according to specific rules. For complete information, call Helen Cooper, Ext. 3164.

CREDIT UNION

Your Agriculture Credit Union has moved to room 2943, South Bldg. The Credit Union will loan money to its members for almost any purpose. The cost of borrowing money is substantially less than that charged by usual legal small-loan institutions. If you need a loan, go to room 2943 and apply for membership.

CORRECTION

The recorded music concerts at the National Gallery of Art, which we mentioned last issue, are held Mon. thru Fri. at 12:30. The 8:00 o'clock Sunday night concerts are not recorded. We regret the error.

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WANT TO WRITE FOR THE PAPER?

FLASH! We got a bright idea, last night, while reading one of the recent best-sellers. It was sooo good we wanted everyone to know about it and read it, too.

So, here's the idea. How's about telling us about the next good book you read, be it fiction or serious. Here's your chance to be an honest-to-goodness book-reviewer and to get into print. Share your literary interests with your friends. Tell us why YOU liked the book. Don't make it too long. (Address your MS. to Employees' News Bulletin, P. R. & S., Office of Personnel.)

RUSSIAN WAR RELIEF

A one day drive for clothing for the people of Russia will be made on Sunday, October 1. There is an urgent need for blankets, towels, and clothing in wearing condition.

Clothes will be picked up at homes and volunteers are needed to help on the trucks that will canvas the city. Call No. 8906 to offer your services. Your assignment will be sent by mail.

GROUP HOSPITALIZATION

Don't forget that Group Hospitalization is open for new members thru Sept. 15. See your bureau representative.

NOTICE

Dinner hours in the cafeteria are now 5:30 to 6:45, Monday thru Friday.

ARTISTS, PLEASE NOTE

The Seventh Annual Outdoor Art Fair will be held in the President's Park, October 4 to 8. The Fair is open to all artists from Washington and vicinity. There is no limit on media, subject matter or number of pieces. Special tables will be provided for sculpture. There will be a large tent for night storage of exhibits and a park policeman and guard will stand watch thruout the night. Two sets of prizes will be awarded for water color, oils, sculpture, prints, and drawings.

Entry applications should be sent to the Art Fair Director, Times-Herald. For further information call the Art Fair Director on Re. 1234 or see your contact officer. If there are enough entries from our Department a section will be designated as Agriculture corner.

WASHINGTON WORKSHOP

The Washington Workshop has a number of regular activities in addition to the Sunday-night movies which we told you about in the last issue. These activities include groups interested in sketching, dancing, recorded music, drama, and radio techniques. For further information call Miss Widener, De. 3156.

SOUTH DAKOTANS

The South Dakotans are having a moonlight cruise on the S. S. Potomac on Sept. 15, at 8:30 p.m. Get your tickets from Miss McCawley, Room 1251, Ext. 2007.

RECREATION DIRECTORY

The Federal Recreation Committee is compiling an excellent directory of recreational facilities in Washington. Your contact officer has the first three sections of this directory in her office for your convenience. These sections contain information on where to go and whom to call to participate in the following activities: music, dramatics, dancing, horseback riding, basketball, badminton, archery, tennis, golf, swimming, and picnicking.

CONCERTS

Tickets for the Sunday Afternoon Concerts may be obtained from Mrs. Dorsey's Concert Bureau, 1108 G Street, N. W., phone NA. 7151. The first series opens with Lawrence Tibbett on October 29. The second series begins on Nov. 5, with Artur Rubinstein. The complete programs may be seen on bulletin boards.

CERAMICS

Classes in pottery making with supervised instruction meet on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 10 at Friendship House, 619 D St., S. E. All articles begun may be completed right there as they have a kiln. This is a craft that can be mastered without too much difficulty and it is particularly popular, now.

EXHIBIT

Don't forget to stop by the Patio sometime this week to see the Nutrition Exhibit.

TRANSPORTATION

Want Rides

Mrs. Crawford, 2460-16 St., N. W., Ext. 2571
 Mary Parsons, 4370 Southern Ave., S.E., Ext. 5180
 Miss Filverstein, 1111-Buchanan St., N. W., Ext. 5474
 Mrs. Meinberg, 5660 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, Va., Ext. 4965
 Mrs. Walker, 5164 Fulton St., N.W., Ext. 5204

Want Rotators

Mr. Grant, 6057 - 22nd St., Arlington, Va. Ext. 3101
 Mr. Jump, 3247 Patterson St., N.W., Ext. 3323

GASOLINE APPLICATIONS ARE SIGNED IN ROOM 528 FROM 4:15 to 5:15. For car pooling information, call Miss Van Lear, Ext. 3105.

HOUSING

We appreciated the response we have been receiving to our request that you register your available housing facilities by calling Ext. 3105.

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS

Mrs. Davis, H.N. & H.E., who lives in a cottage on the Mt. Vernon Memorial Hgwy., has the unique hobby of teaching girls to be homemakers. She has recently "graduated" two girls and now wants two more to live with her and take her course for three to six months. If you are interested, call Mrs. Davis on Ext. 3110.